

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022*

**Statement on Senate Action on the Respect for Marriage Act**  
*November 16, 2022*

Love is love, and Americans should have the right to marry the person they love. Today's bipartisan vote brings the United States one step closer to protecting that right in law. The Respect for Marriage Act will ensure that LGBTQI+ couples and interracial couples are respected and protected equally under Federal law and provide more certainty to these families since the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs*. I want to thank the Members of Congress whose leadership has sent a strong message that Republicans and Democrats can work together to secure the fundamental right of Americans to marry the person they love. I urge Congress to quickly send this bill to my desk where I will promptly sign it into law.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 8404.

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